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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

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| In re Application of Christoph Seidel et al. | |
| Application Number 09/896,032 | Filed June 29, 2001 |
| For: METHOD FOR DETERMINING EARLY HCV SEROCONVERSION | |
| Art Unit 1648 | Examiner Donna Wortman |

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

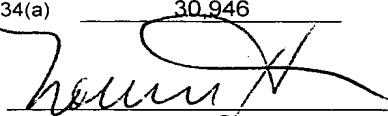
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Two Month Request for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a)

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